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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, LA  
SUBJ: POW/MIA - LAOS: RELEASE OF EMMET KAY

REF: A) VIENTIANE 7109  
B) VIENTIANE 7122

1. PATHET LAO JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCORDS  
SPOKESMAN, COLONEL PHAO BOUNNAPHOL, INFORMED EMBOFFS  
SEPTEMBER 16 THAT EMMET KAY WILL BE RELEASED SEPTEMBER 18  
REPEAT SEPTEMBER 18, ONE DAY AHEAD OF GENERAL RELEASE OF  
PRISONERS AT PHONG SAVAN ON SEPTEMBER 19. PHAO SAID  
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DECISION OF CENTRAL COMMISSION WAS A RESULT OF EMBASSY

DEMARCHES TO HIM AND TO SOTH PHETRASY ON SEPTEMBER 13-14  
(REFTELS).

2. PHAO STATED THAT THE LPF ARE STILL TRYING TO OBTAIN THE SOVIET AN-2 TO FLY KAY FROM VIENG XAY TO VIENTIANE, AND, IF THE AN-2 IS USED, IT WOULD HAVE TO STOP IN LUANG PRABANG ENROUTE TO VIENTIANE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES TO GAS UP. HE ADDED THAT, IF THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE CENTRAL COMMISSION IS WILLING TO HAVE THE BRITISH EMBASSY BEAVER, OR, AS A LAST RESORT, A CIVILIAN CONTRACT AIRCRAFT TO BRING KAY OUT. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW TODAY WHETHER AN-2 WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3. ON QUESTION OF AN AMERICAN ESCORT OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY KAY FROM VIENG XAY, PHAO STATED THAT A DECISION HAS YET TO BE MADE AND THAT HE WOULD INFORM EMBOFF AS SOON AS ONE IS TAKEN. HE ADDED THAT MR. KAY WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS AT WATTAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 18. ACCORDING TO PHAO, THE ONLY THING WHICH COULD DELAY THE RELEASE OF KAY WOULD BE BAD FLYING WEATHER IN THE SAM NEUA AREA.

4. PHAO STATED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF KAY'S RELEASE WOULD BE MADE TO PRESS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, AFTER LISTS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A PRESIDENTIAL RELEASE AND A STATE/DOD BRIEFING, BOTH DEALING WITH UPCOMING LAOS PRISONER EXCHANGE, ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, IT APPEARS HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING TO POSTPONE THOSE EVENTS UNTIL EMMET KAY HAS BEEN RELEASED.

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